

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-25. (canceled)

26. (original) A method of treating sepsis, comprising

- a) providing a reagent capable of blocking a C5a receptor; and
- b) administering said reagent to a subject suffering from sepsis.

27. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein said administering results in a decrease in symptoms of sepsis in the subject.

28. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein said reagent is a small molecule antagonist of the C5a receptor.

29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended) The method of claim 26, wherein said ~~reagent~~ is an antibody specific for the C5a receptor.